

A meeting of the Vestry was held in Platts Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. on March 21, 2017. Present: Reverend Mike Sowards, Gene Goff, Joanne Tatem (People's Warden), Barbara Bateman (Senior Warden), Dale Pennapacker (Treasurer), Sarah Reid, Jean Beers, Jon Yenney, Jackie Dahlen, Melanie Jackson, Kathy Lochocki, Chris Christofco

Absent: Rick Toth

The meeting was opened with an opening prayer

MINUTES.

General topics:

Reed's son Sean presented a proposal for Pilgrimage fundraising. This would be a Beef and Beverage event at Jeffersonville Golf Club. We would sell tickets and provide a band, and the Golf Club would handle the rest. Previous events that Sean has been involved with have raised as much as \$4,000. He suggested the event be held on a Saturday night in September or October. This was discussed later in the meeting by the Vestry, and it was felt that our fall agenda will be extremely busy, so Father Mike was going to discuss with Sean, possibly for an event later in the winter.

The Land Development meeting minutes from February were reviewed. Gene made a motion and they were approved by the Vestry with no changes. Passed unanimously.

The Vestry meeting minutes from February 21 were reviewed. Chris made a motion that approved with the correction of a typo. Passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Jackie presented the Outreach Report.

Items discussed:

1. The only item discussed was a donated appliance that needs to be taken to the dump. Father Mike said he would contact Scott and arrange it.

A motion was made by Jean to accept the Outreach report. Passed unanimously.

Joanne presented the Parish Life Report

1. There were no specific items from the report discussed.

Jean made a motion to accept the Parish report. Passed unanimously.

There were no written Rector's or Christian Education reports this month.

Barbara presented the Communications Committee report.

Items discussed:

1. Barbara noted that Communications Committee will spearhead the Parish Picnic, and that the rest of the Vestry will be expected to contribute to the effort.

Melanie made a motion to accept the Communications Committee report. Passed unanimously.

Jean Beers distributed the Buildings and Grounds report.

Items discussed:

1. The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held on April 3rd.
2. Father Mike noted that Integrity Roofing will be preparing a bid to replace the church roof. The bid will also be utilized to help craft an RFP for submitting additional bids.
3. Jean mentioned that there have been pipe repairs at the Outreach House and in the Sacristy.
4. Shagani is looking at repairs to the Cemetary stone wall.
5. There will be a church clean up on the Wednesday before Easter, starting at 9:30.
6. Gene mentioned that the cub scouts will be laying down mulch on April 1st as a project on our grounds.

Barbara made a motion to approve the Buildings and Grounds report. Passed unanimously.

Dale presented the Finance Commission Report.

1. Dale discussed parishioner Tom Keenan, who is highly recommended to help us through the Capital Campaign approval process, and we will also be receiving preferential rates. Dale will arrange for expenses to be tracked under a separate expense line in the Capital category.

Jean made a motion to approve the Finance Commission Report. Passed unanimously.

Audit Committee Report

2. Dale discussed the just completed Church Audit, which went very well. The audit was conducted by Melanie Jackson, Jeff Branden, and Bob Brown. He had distributed copies by email to the Vestry. Dale noted that there were 9 key recommendations that came from the Audit, which we plan to implement. Father Mike expressed thanks to the Audit committee for their excellent work.

Barbara made a motion to accept the Audit Committee Report. Passed unanimously.

Dale also presented the Investment Committee Report.

3. Dale noted the Committee would like to invest \$25K we are holding in cash into a Large Cap Index fund in March, and another \$25K in April. Also investing the same amounts into a Mid Cap Index fund.

Dale made a motion to accept the Investment Committee Recommendation. Passed unanimously.

Dale mentioned that he and Lisa are evaluating a Church Management software package which integrates with Quickbooks, to increase efficiency in our office.

Dale also stated that an updated agreement with Creative Beginnings Preschool has been signed for the coming year, with some minor changes from our last lease agreement.

Parochial Report

- 4. Dale circulated this report on St James operations which goes to the National church.**

Jean made a motion to approve the Parochial Report. Passed unanimously.

Dale presented the Statement of Financial Operations.

- 1. Dale noted that we now have \$1.1M in assets, with \$200K coming shortly as an estate gift.**

Jean made a motion to approve the Statement of Financial Operations Report. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Vestry Nominating Committee

Joanne and the Committee prepared a thorough report which she distributed regarding Vestry Nominations for this year.

Jean made a motion to approve the Vestry Nominating Committee Report. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mutual Ministry Review – Father Mike discussed this requirement, which is in his contract. Barbara said the cost would be \$160, and that we would hold the review on June 24th, from 9-12.

The Annual Meeting will be on April 30th at 9 a.m. Father Mike discussed the meeting, and felt we should focus on the church commissions – celebrating our accomplishments and also identifying opportunities we still need to work on. Barbara will distribute the powerpoint from last year's annual meeting to the Vestry as a guide. Mike and Barbara will cover the Capital Campaign at the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Our next Vestry Meeting will be April 18th at 7:30.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURN

There being no further business, the vestry meeting was closed with a prayer.

Adjournment was at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Yenney, the
Secretary of the Vestry

March 30, 2017